

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1-7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) An electronic data carrier for contactless transmission of data with a base station, the electronic data carrier comprising:

a first page and a second page;

a connection axis between the first page and the second page, wherein the first page and the second page can be folded apart at the connection axis in an opened state and folded toward one another at the connection axis in a closed state;

an electrical circuit to store the data;

a coupling element coupled to the electrical circuit, the coupling element comprising a capacitive element to facilitate the contactless transmission between the electronic data carrier and the base station, wherein the coupling element is at least partially embedded into or integrated with each of the first and second pages, wherein the coupling element is configured to facilitate the contactless transmission with the base station essentially only in one state of the opened state and the closed state;

wherein the capacitive element comprises:

a first plate embedded in the first page; and

a second plate embedded in the second page;

wherein in the opened position the capacitive element assumes a full area on the electronic data carrier to enable access by the base station;

wherein in the closed position the first and second plate of the capacitive element are substantially aligned to disable access by the base station.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The electronic data carrier of ~~claim 9,~~ claim 8, wherein the first plate of the capacitive element comprises individual part-areas connected to one another, and the second plate of the capacitive element comprises additional individual part-areas connected to one another, wherein the individual part-areas of the first and second plate of the capacitive element are arranged to provide toothing that extends beyond the connection axis, wherein an electrical connection between at least some of the individual part-areas of the capacitive element are configured for individual coding.

11. (currently amended) A read/write station for contactless transmission with ~~the electronic data carrier of claim 10, wherein the base station comprises the read/write station~~ an electronic data carrier, wherein the electronic data carrier comprises;  
a first page and a second page;  
a connection axis between the first page and the second page, wherein the first page and the second page can be folded apart at the connection axis in an opened state and folded toward one another at the connection axis in a closed state;  
an electrical circuit to store the data;  
a coupling element coupled to the electrical circuit, the coupling element comprising a capacitive element to facilitate the contactless transmission between the electronic data carrier and the base station, wherein the coupling element is at least partially embedded into or integrated with each of the first and second pages, wherein the coupling element is configured to facilitate the contactless transmission with the base station essentially only in one state of the opened state and the closed state;  
wherein the capacitive element comprises:  
a first plate embedded in the first page, the first plate of the capacitive element comprising individual part-areas connected to one another; and  
a second plate embedded in the second page, the second plate of the capacitive element comprising additional individual part-areas connected to one another;  
wherein in the opened position the capacitive element assumes a full area on the electronic data carrier to enable access by the base station;

wherein in the closed position the first and second plate of the capacitive element are substantially aligned to disable access by the base station;

wherein the individual part-areas of the first and second plate of the capacitive element are arranged to provide toothing that extends beyond the connection axis;

wherein an electrical connection between at least some of the individual part-areas of the capacitive element are configured for individual coding.

12. (previously presented) The read/write station of claim 11, wherein the read/write station as a geometry adapted to the geometry of the individual part-areas of the capacitive element of the electronic data carrier, wherein the read/write station is informed of the coding through information contained in the electronic data carrier to enable the contactless transmission only in an event of identical selection at the electrode connections of the individual part-areas.

13. (currently amended) An electronic communication system comprising:

~~the electronic data carrier of claim 8; and~~

~~the base station~~ a base station; and

an electronic data carrier for contactless transmission with the base station,

wherein the electronic data carrier comprises;

a first page and a second page;

a connection axis between the first page and the second page, wherein the first page and the second page can be folded apart at the connection axis in an opened state and folded toward one another at the connection axis in a closed state;

an electrical circuit to store the data;

a coupling element coupled to the electrical circuit, the coupling element comprising a capacitive element to facilitate the contactless transmission between the electronic data carrier and the base station, wherein the coupling element is at least partially embedded into or integrated with each of the first and second pages, wherein the coupling element is configured to facilitate the contactless

transmission with the base station essentially only in one state of the opened state and the closed state;

wherein the capacitive element comprises:

a first plate embedded in the first page; and

a second plate embedded in the second page;

wherein in the opened position the capacitive element assumes a full area on the electronic data carrier to enable access by the base station;

wherein in the closed position the first and second plate of the capacitive element are substantially aligned to disable access by the base station.